

SCIOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 13, 2013
7:00pm

Call to Order @ 7pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present:

Mitch Penny
Renee Otte
Tracie Roberge
Shannon Olson

Members Absent:

Randy Volkert

Others Present:

Bob Freiermuth
Dale & George Hallcock
Paul Zumbusch
Duane Ness
Jill Trescott
Bob Hegner

Approval of Minutes: April 8, 2013

Otte makes motion to approve minutes. Penny seconds. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Tracie Roberge

Otte makes motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills. Penny seconds. All in favor.

Building Permits:

George Hallcock would like to put up a farm shop. George stated that they will be putting in a bathroom. The planning stated that they will need to obtain a septic system permit. The planning would like to ask the board to approve the issuance of the permit contingent upon approval of the septic system permit and recommendation by the Planning Commission upon verification that all setbacks and requirements are met. When the above conditions are met the board approves the issuance of the building permit. *Otte makes motion to approve the approval of the permit based on the above conditions being met, Penny seconds. All in favor.*

Other Business:

- ✓ Paul Zumbusch from Castle Rock Materials
There was a complaint made by Butch Marthaler about water and rip rap ending up on his property. Penny reviewed the requirements on Castle Rock Materials mining permit. Penny inquired about any complaints on the hours of operation. Zumbusch stated that there has not been any this past year. They did have some employees working later than normal in 2012 and Zumbusch addressed this issue immediately. They have a water quality test conducted in the spring and fall. Penny inquired about the burms. Zumbusch stated that they were moved back because they ended up in the flood plain. The left and right burms are fine but the whole south edge was about 30' beyond what it was supposed to be. They brought that back up to meet the requirements. Otte inquired as to whether they could make the burm along Duane Otte's property higher so that it blocks the view of all the equipment and cuts down on the noise. Zumbusch stated that they could put some additional black dirt on it and build it up. Penny inquired about whether Castle Rock Materials placed the rip rap under the bridge on the property. Zumbusch

stated that they did not place the rip rap there; this was in place before they started the operation. Penny inquired about how the water was brought over to the pond. Zumbusch explained the process. They pumped the water from the pit floor to a reservoir on top and then this went into the other pond. Penny asked whether the dam burst open this spring. Zumbusch stated they had a spill way and they put in rip rap to hold everything in place, this spring it ruptured during one of the storms. The west edge of the spill way washed out. Penny asked about what the area looked like before the dam was put in. Zumbusch stated that it was just a field; before it was put in the water ran down into that area anyway. Penny stated that they indicated in December that they would not be pumping any longer; Zumbusch replied that they are no longer pumping. Penny inquired about when the dam would be removed and that this should alleviate the pooling of the water. Zumbusch stated that they could take the dam down. Penny stated he couldn't guarantee that it would resolve all the problems, but it should be put back to as close to the way it was. Penny also suggested that it be seeded. Zumbusch stated they will just put it back to the way it was and seed the area. Ness commented that the NCRWMO group funds a lot of projects that do exactly what Castle Rock Materials was doing when they put in the dam. He stated that it is a pretty normal practice. Ness stated that he thinks it would be reasonable to ask for recommendations from Soil and Water to see if the burm is of any benefit before it is taken down. Shore land, DNR and someone from water and soil were present in the past and reviewed the work that was done by Castle Rock Materials, and they felt that they had done a good job. Trescott inquired about whether they were still pumping water. Zumbusch stated that they are not pumping any longer; he said if they could have lowered the water level it would have worked great. Penny recommended that Zumbusch contact NCRWMO to see what their recommendations are. Zumbusch stated that the DNR liked what they had done. Otte asked if they were still digging deeper with a drag line. Zumbusch stated they purchased an extender stick. Currently they can reach down about 23' and the stick will add an additional 30' to it, so they will get close to 50'. Penny inquired about dust control; Zumbusch replied that they do this daily. Penny also inquired about mosquito control; Zumbusch stated that they have someone come in to take care of mosquito control. Penny stated that another complaint was that there was a lot of fuel oil leakage; the tests from Braun Intertec indicate that there is a very low level. Penny stated that it looks like they have followed all of the conditions of the permit and have gone above and beyond when asked to do so. Otte inquired about the drilling on Duane Otte's property. Zumbusch stated they are looking at the quality of materials to see whether this land would be worth purchasing or leasing by Castle Rock Materials.

- ✓ Bob Freiermuth (update on septic permit procedures). Freiermuth received a call for an inspection on a septic system, but did not have a copy of the septic design or a permit for this septic system. Freiermuth reviewed the process of obtaining a septic permit and that the MPCA requires that a septic permit be issued prior to issuing a building permit. The septic system contractor who is installing the system must be the one who receives the septic permit. The state also requires a septic management plan. The contractor needs to have a management plan signed by the homeowner as well. A copy of the guidelines and the state regulations were left for the clerk.
- ✓ Bob Hegner was present to inquire about any new business.
- ✓ Dust Control Bids. Clerk will contact Luhman's to see what percentage of magnesium chloride they apply.
- ✓ Gravel Bids. We will go with Anderson trucking for the gravel and look at where gravel needs to be applied when we attend the road patrol on the 22nd.
- ✓ Road patrol on May 22 @ 3pm

- ✓ Tire Collection Event. Clerk will contact the county as to whether it is limited to Randolph/Sciota Township or if anyone in Dakota County can dispose of tires. Clerk will also contact the City of Randolph to see if they are interested in a JPA.
- ✓ The idea of having a township garage sale was brought up and the township board does not have an interest in holding this type of event at the town hall.

Communications Received:

- Dakota County Community Development Agency (Brochures)
- DNR (General Permit amendment)
- Dakota County Law Library (2012 updates for Township Code or Zoning Code). There have not been any updates to the Township Code or Zoning Code in 2012.

Public Comment

None

Adjourn @ 8:30pm